

# **EPA** Mountain View Sites Update

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## EPA HOSTS COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites community members to attend a meeting to learn how to become more involved in the cleanup process for the federal sites in Mountain View, California.

The federal cleanup sites are the Middlefield-Ellis-Whisman (MEW) Study Area, the GTE **Government Systems site, the Jasco Chemical Company (JASCO) site, and Naval Air Station** Moffett Field (see Figure 1).

At the community's request, EPA will host an informational meeting to discuss the formation of a Community Advisory Group (CAG) at a meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2003, from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, at the Mountain View Community Center. CAG meetings are open to the public. EPA encourages all members of the community to come and participate in this meeting and in future meetings.

### What is a Community Advisory Group (CAG)?

A CAG is a committee, task force or board made up of members of the community affected by a federal cleanup site. A CAG provides a public forum that allows people in the community to actively participate in the cleanup decision-making process.

CAGs are made up of individual residents, property or business owners, and members who represent community groups, such as homeowner associations or neighborhood groups. A person does not have to represent a local group to be a part of the CAG. Members do not need to have technical training, just an interest in cleanup issues and a willingness to participate in the process.

Through a CAG, community members have a direct line of communication with EPA. Since a CAG, by definition, is intended to be representative of the affected community, EPA and the other regulatory agencies give substantial weight to the preferences expressed by CAG members. EPA listens to views expressed by CAG members and addresses their views when making site decisions.

## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP**

**Informational Meeting** Wednesday **April 9, 2003** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Mountain View Community Center** 

201 South Rengstorff Avenue

#### What does a CAG Member Do?

Individuals in the group represent diverse community points of view. CAG members bring issues and concerns related to the cleanup process to the attention of EPA, other regulatory agencies and other interested parties.

During CAG meetings, CAG members learn about and discuss site issues and provide their individual input to EPA. If a CAG member represents a local group, that member also shares cleanup information regularly with their organization. CAG members hear presentations on site investigations and cleanup activities, review site documentation, ask questions, voice concerns and enter into a dialogue with members of the CAG.

## What Will Happen at the April 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting?

At the April 9th meeting, EPA will explain in more detail the purpose of a CAG and how one typically works, including the steps that are necessary to organize a CAG. Other interested individuals and stakeholders will also share their ideas about the CAG. The majority of the meeting will be an open discussion about the CAG (see back page for the proposed

agenda). Prior to the end of the meeting, EPA hopes that the group will decide to form a CAG and determine who will be its initial members.

**JASCO** 

#### **How Can I Get More Information?**

All CAG meetings are open to the public and community members can attend CAG meetings even if they are not an official part of the CAG. If attendees at the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting choose to form a CAG, additional information will be distributed, including an EPA fact sheet announcing the next meeting. To learn more about the CAG, please contact David Cooper, Community Involvement Coordinator, at (415) 972-3237 or (800) 231-3075, or e-mail him at cooper.david@epa.gov.

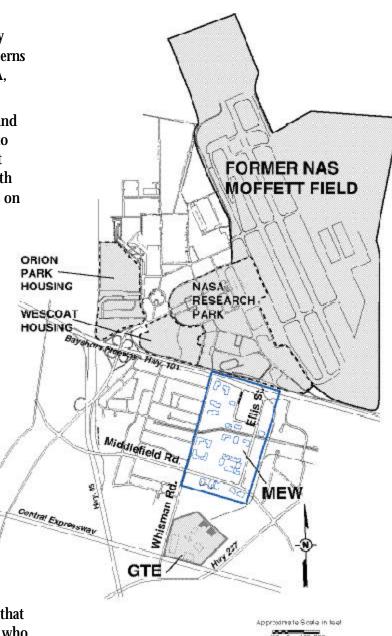


Figure 1: Locations of the Mountain View sites

Cleanup activities have occurred at the Mountain View sites for many years and there are numerous cleanup documents and fact sheets available to assist the community in understanding the sites. Many site cleanup documents are located at the City of Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, (650) 903-6887. To learn more, please contact David Cooper at the numbers above.

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#### **EPA Contacts**

The Mountain View sites team is very interested in creating an open relationship with those living and working in the Mountain View area. If you would like more information or if you have questions about any of the Mountain View sites discussed in this fact sheet, please contact the following EPA staff:

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Write to any of the above at: U.S. EPA, Region 9 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

## DO YOU NEED SPANISH TRANSLATION?

EPA is assessing the Spanish translation needs for federal cleanup sites in the City of Mountain View. If you need such a service, either for the CAG meeting or for any of the meetings related to cleanup at the four sites, please use the mailing coupon below to indicate your needs. If you have other language translation needs, please indicate this on the mailing coupon. EPA will address other language needs on an individual basis.

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## **EPA INVITES YOU TO A COMMUNITY MEETING**

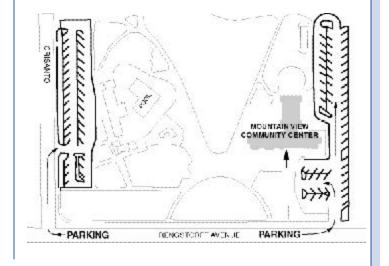
to discuss the formation of a Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Mountain View sites:

Wednesday **April 9, 2003** 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm **Mountain View Community Center 201 South Rengstorff Avenue** 

#### **AGENDA**

7:00 pm - 7:10 pm	Welcome/Introductions
7:10 pm - 7:20 pm	<b>EPA Presentation on CAGs</b>
7:20 pm - 7:40 pm	Interested Party Remarks
7:40 pm - 8:40 pm	Open Discussion
8:40 pm - 8:50 pm	<b>CAG Formation Decision</b>

8:50 pm - 9:00 pm **Next Meeting** 



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